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appended in the form of notes. The work of revision has been practically limited to bringing the work down to date by the collection of late cases extending or modifying the principles discussed in the text, and in all about four thousand new citations have been added. Only constant use will reveal the care and accuracy with which this work has been done. It appears, however, to have been done in a manner to justify the publication of the new edition and to commend the work to all interested in the enactment or enforcement of criminal statutes.

A BRIEF FOR THE TRIAL OF CRIMINAL CAUSES. Austin Abbott. Second Edition. Rochester: Lawyers' Co-operative Publishing Company. 1902. pp. xx, 814.

This work is devised to render the same assistance in the trial of criminal causes as that afforded in civil causes by Abbott's Trial Brief in Civil Cases. Like the first edition, it contains nothing novel and little which could not be obtained from the various legal publications devoted to the topics of which it treats. Its value lies rather in its arrangement in convenient form of the various topics which may demand consideration during the progress of a criminal trial and in the collection of concise digests of the cases having a more or less direct bearing on each topic. The result is a "handy" work of reference which is never scientific, seldom exhaustive, but always suggestive. Although double the size of the first edition, no indication is given of what is new and what is old matter; and as the revision is prepared by the un-named editorial staff of the publishers, not only is its authority anonymous, but a doubt is raised as to the uniformity of the revision, which can only be settled by constant reference to the reports of the cases cited. We are confident, however, that the new edition will be found a convenient means of tracing the authorities bearing upon the debatable questions which may arise in this branch of practice.

COLLATERAL INHERITANCE AND TRANSFER TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ETC. By Edward H. Fallows, Transfer Tax Attorney for the State Comptroller in New York County. Associate Editor, George M. Judd. New York: Baker, Voorhis & Co. 1903. pp. xv, 305.

Mr. Fallows' and Mr. Judd's book does not pretend to be a scientific treatise on the subject of succession taxation generally or even within the state of New York. The plan of the book is, as stated in the preface, "to present every successive Collateral Inheritance and Transfer Tax Law in the State of New York * * * with the decisions of the different courts grouped under the respective sections of the law which they affect." The result is a great deal of repetition and an absolutely unreadable book. But while the plan adopted is unfortunate from the point of view of the student of the subject, it is unquestionably useful from that of the practicing lawyer who wishes to find out what are the obligations of his clients. For the exact state of the law as it existed at